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the arrest of Muhammad al-Liswi by Lebanese 1. According to authorities on 14 March 1951 was made on the basis of information supplied to the Surete by Faris Sirhan of the Arab Higher Executive in Beirut.\*

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- states that on 11 March al-Liswi and five of his followers -Shafiq al-Hut; Yusuf Nim'ah, a tailor from Haifa; two unidentified men from Haifa, and one from Jaffa - held a communist meeting at the Palestine refugee camp at Burj al-Barajani, Lebanon.
- 3. Faris Sirhan had received advance notice of the time and place of the meeting. He contacted some of the inhabitants of the camp and persuaded them to give al-Liswi and his supporters a beating when they arrived at the camp and also arranged with the Surete to send a force of Gendarmes to the camp to arrest al-Liswi and his followers.
- 4. Then al-Liswi began to give a speech at the meeting in the camp, the group which Sirhan had assembled assaulted al-Liswi and his friends and drove them from the camp; however, they succeeded in escaping, because the Gendarmes sent by the Surete to make the arrests failed to arrive at the appointed time. Sirhan's group, however, followed al-Liswi and later directed the Gendames to where al-Liswi and his supporters were living. The Gendarmes subsequently surrounded the house and arrested al-Liswi and several other persons; al-Liswi is being held for investigation. 25X1A

for a report on al-Liswi's campaign in the refugee camps against the Arab Higher Executive.

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